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## District Six Website 101

The internet has helped open the door for everyone to obtain information in a clear and organized manner, from the comfort of their own home. The District Six website is a great resource to find information about basic City services, or to keep updated on the issues that are of most concern to you. The following highlights are just some of the many resources you can find at: www.SanDiego.gov/CD6.

- Register to receive free updates by signing up for the electronic email list on the homepage, which includes my monthly newsletter, Frye Lights;
- Find out how you can participate in community events;



- Click on one of the community photos on the homepage to be linked to the following information:
  - ♦ The full version of your Community Plan, which outlines the policies for growth in your neighborhood
  - ♦ The location of community parks, schools, fire and police stations and recycling drop-off stations, just to name a few;
  - ♦ Your trash collection schedule;
  - A How to report concerns such as street repairs;
  - Find links for your recognized planning committee, meeting agendas and minutes;
- View current issues by exploring the "News Releases" and "Memorandums" tab; and
- Visit the "Photo Gallery" tab to see pictures of events in the community!

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## San Diego River Conservancy Funds Pedestrian Bike Path Connecting Mission Valley to Beach Areas & Mission Bay

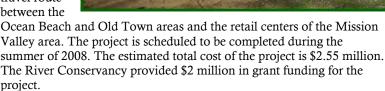
On January 17, 2008, members of the San Diego River Conservancy, including Conservancy Chair Councilmember Frye, were

joined by District 2 City Councilmember Kevin Faulconer to kick off the construction of the San Diego River Pedestrian and Bike Path at Sefton Field Park in Mission Valley. Councilmember Frye commented, "The construction of this pedestrian and bike path will connect Ocean Beach, Mission Bay and Mission Valley and create a gorgeous passageway for all members of the community to enjoy. It is a project that really adds to the beauty of the San Diego River Park and provides increased recreational access to the River."

The Pedestrian and Bikeway project will extend the existing Ocean Beach bike path along the north side of Interstate 8 between Ocean Beach and Pacific Highway to the western terminus of Hotel Circle Place (approximately 3,900 feet to the east). The bikeway will provide



nonvehicular traffic with a travel route between the



Mike Nelson, River Conservancy Executive Director, said, "This pathway is a wonderful addition to the San Diego River Park, not only for the residents of Ocean Beach and Mission Valley to use, but for the direct gateway it will provide from inland areas to our beach communities that won't require you to get in a car." Nelson added, "People now have a significant stretch of pathway in a quiet, beautiful area to exercise on their way to the beach."

## Teachers Use Art to Educate Children on Water Conservation

Students throughout San Diego are sharpening their colored pencils and stockpiling their crayons in preparation for the City of San Diego Water Department's Eighth Annual Water Conservation Poster Contest. All public, private, and home-school teachers can use art to teach their students about the benefits of water conservation, and enter the Water Conservation Poster Contest. The Water Department will accept entries through Wednesday, March 26, 2008.

Luis Generoso, City of San Diego's Water Resources Manager, is excited for the upcoming contest. "Each year, thousands of students submit some incredible pieces of art that inspire the community and transform the way we think about water conservation. We hope that this year's theme, 'Water Wins,' will motivate more teachers to talk with their students about where our water comes from and challenge them to reduce their water use."

Each student who creates a poster to enter in the contest will receive a certificate of participation. Then, 18 winners will be selected, recognized at a City Council Meeting, and will receive a U.S. Savings Bond, four tickets to the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center and a Certificate of Excellence. Winning posters will be on display in the lobby of the City Administration Building, the San Diego Watercolor Society's Gallery, and the San Diego County Fair Kids Best Art Exhibit. (Specific dates to be announced.) Winning posters will also be featured in the 2009 Water Conservation Calendar.

Additional information about the Annual Water Conservation Poster Contest, entry form and free activity book are available online at www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation. For more information, call the City of San Diego Water Department at (619) 533-5312.



## Hossein Ruhi Day

Over the last 28 years, Hossein Ruhi has dedicated his considerable expertise to serving the citizens of San Diego in a variety of engineering and management positions including public works design, project management, development review, and construction management, all of which culminated in Hossein serving as the City Engineer for the last three years of his career. On January 29, Council President Peters joined Councilmember Frye in honor of Hossein's retirement and to thank him for all his hard work.



Hossein is pictured to the right of Councilmember Frye, with numerous members of his team and the Engineering Department.

## **Whistleblower Protections**

The independence of the city's whistleblower hotline from city management is crucial for it to work effectively. It must provide employees a safe and confidential place to lodge complaints and air concerns about any improper conduct by members of city management to an impartial and neutral party. To address this concern, Councilmember Frye and Councilmember Tony Young issued a memo on January 14, 2008 to the City's Independent Budget Analyst (IBA), to propose the following options for discussion in the upcoming budget deliberations:

- Increase staff positions in the Office of the Independent Budget Analyst, Internal Auditor, or another city department independent from management to administer the whistleblower hotline. This could be a cost neutral action as current hotline staffing could simply be shifted to another department in the city, or;
- Creation of an independent entity within the city whose sole responsibilities are to administer the whistleblower hotline, investigate complaints and address confirmed violations and unethical behavior.

The Councilmembers requested that an analysis of this proposal be presented to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee, along with an outline of procedures and processes that should be implemented to administer the hotline, investigate complaints and address confirmed violations and unethical behavior.

## 8th Annual Women & the Law Conference and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Lecture

Women have made enormous strides in the political arena and are enjoying a presence that is unprecedented in United States history. This year, with the first candidacy of a woman for the office of President, the role of women in politics is playing an even more prominent role. Thomas Jefferson School of Law and the Women and the Law Project inaugurated the Women and the Law Conference in 2001. Fostered by a committed group of faculty, staff, and students, the series was the first annual event in the western United States focusing exclusively on gender issues and the law. In 2003, with the generous support of Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who visited the law school that year, the group established the Ruth Bader Ginsburg Lecture Series.



The Women and the Law organizers are proud to present this year's topic, Women in Politics: The Role of Gender in Political Decision Making, on Friday, February 29, 2008. Councilmember Frye is honored to be one of the speakers, where she will be speaking on challenges facing female politicians. There will also be over a dozen conference speakers that will explore a number of topics, including the intersection of race, class and gender in elections, the role of gender in campaign messages, gender voting patterns, partisan differences in the nomination of women to office, female congressional candidates, and male/female judicial voting patterns.

To take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, register online at www.TJSL.edu/WomenandLaw. Registration fees begin at \$25 for TJSL Alumni and other legal organizations, and members of the general public only pay \$35. The conference fee includes lunch, reception and Minimum Continuing Legal Education Credits to those who qualify. This is sure to be an informative event!



## CLAIREMONT COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE BENEFITING THE WELSH FAMILY

Brian and Kelly Welsh and their three sons live in Brian's childhood home in Bay Park. Involved in their community and church, the Welsh's have always been the people their friends and neighbors knew they could count on for help. Now Brian's treatment for a rare cancer leaves him unable to work and his family to face mounting expenses. To assist the Welsh family, local business, K-Co Construction, the Clairemont Community News and Clairemont Covenant Church have come together to organize a rummage sale. All sales proceeds will benefit the Welsh's. You can help by doing any (or all!) of the three following activities from Monday, February 4 through Wednesday, February 27:

## **Donate**

Donate resalable items to the Clairemont Covenant Church. Limited pick-ups are also available. Email or call Dave K for more information, <a href="mailto:dave@kcoconstruction.com">dave@kcoconstruction.com</a> or (858) 274-0005.

Clairemont Covenant Church 5255 Mt. Ararat Drive Questions? Call the church at (858)279-6130

Drop-Off Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00am - 2:00pm Saturday drop off February 16 from 9:00am - Noon



## Volunteer

If you would like to volunteer or have donation questions please call Kari O'Bannon at 858-483-3903 or email Kari at santeekari@hotmail.com.



## **Shop**

Shop the huge community-wide rummage sale on Saturday, March 1st beginning at 7:00am at the new Marketplace at Clairemont Mesa, located at 4760 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. in the Diane Shopping Center.

## **Making a Wave**

Councilmember Frye joined local activists and philanthropists at Being Alive San Diego's Fourth Annual Soul Plates

Fundraiser at Symphony Towers on January 26. Her plate, titled "Wave," and donation of lunch at Maria's on Fourth Avenue downtown, contributed to the over \$18,000 raised for local services for people living with HIV and AIDS.

Painting a soul plate has become sort of a holiday tradition for the Councilmember. She receives the plain white plate and primary paint from Being Alive in December, and has time to paint during the year-end legislative break. "Wave" took roughly forty hours to create, with each of the silver and gold accents being placed on the green and white plate individually with a pair of tweezers.

For more information about Being Alive, go to www.BeingAlive.org. To see other soul plates Donna has painted, visit the "Photo Gallery" on the District Six website at www.sandiego.gov/cd6.





## Do You Work or Live in Mission Valley?

On Wednesday, March 5, 2008 the Mission Valley Unified Planning Organization will hold a General Election of Members to serve on its Community Planning Committee. The General Meeting and Election will be at Noon, in the Community Room, Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway, San Diego.



The MVUPO represents the General Members of the Mission Valley Unified Planning Organization and is an all-volunteer group. Its primary purpose is to advise the City Council, Planning Commission and other governmental agencies as may be appropriate in the initial preparation, adoption of, implementation of, or amendment to the general or community plan as it pertains to the area or areas of influence of Mission Valley.

Only General Members qualify to fill any committee position. Each term is four (4) years and three (3) positions will be filled in the General Election in each of the following classifications:

CLASS I PROPERTY OWNER IN THE COMMUNITY.

Term expires March 2012

CLASS II PERSON (OR PERSON REPRESENTING A BUSINESS ENTITY) PAYING PROP-

ERTY TAXES ON ANY PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE COMMUNITY.

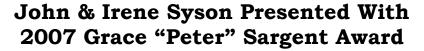
Term expires March 2012

CLASS III RESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY (EITHER AN OWNER OR RENTER). Term Expires March 2012

CLASS IV LOCAL BUSINESS PERSON (INCLUDING A PERSON REPRESENTING A BUSINESS ENTITY)

WITH A BUSINESS ADDRESS IN THE COMMUNITY AT WHICH EMPLOYEES OR OPERATORS

OF THE BUSINESS ARE LOCATED. Term expires March 2012



In December, Councilmember Frye recognized John & Irene Syson after they were presented with the Grace "Peter" Sargent Award for 2007. This award recognizes individuals who make a significant contribution to Tecolote Canyon, and honors donors without whom our educational programs would wither away. Past recipients have included elected officials who provided valuable support for our canyon causes, a tribal elder who initiated a partnership with the Native American community, and volunteers who donate their most valuable asset, their time.

Last year, the Friends of Tecolote Canyon recognized two of its most valued volunteers, John and Irene. The trademarks of this duo consist of a pair of binoculars and the ever-present leather hat. Since March of 1995, even before Irene retired from the San Diego Library and John from his government position, they devoted their time to Tecolote Canyon and the Nature Center.

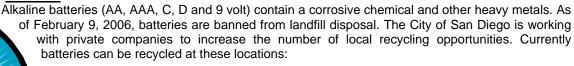
Many a Sunday finds them at the Nature Center keeping the doors open for visitors, and both have participated in numerous canyon cleanups. Irene is an avid birdwatcher, with binoculars in hand keeping everyone aware of which birds are in the area. John, who introduces himself as "The Old Man", has many unique skills to offer. He has built tables for Center equipment and exhibits, patrols with Ranger Jeff to check on homeless encampments, and helps to ensure that park users are following the rules and regulations. When the red curb out in front of the Nature Center starts to look dingy and faded, John gets out his trusty paintbrush, paint and bucket and brightens it up again. Councilmember Frye thanks Irene and John Syson for their dedication and congratulates them on receiving this award.



## Need to Get Rid of Old Batteries? Read On....

All types of batteries are considered hazardous waste. Batteries may contain heavy metals including cadmium, lead, lithium, mercury, nickel, silver and zinc. According to California State Law, batteries and other types of universal waste are no longer accepted at Miramar Landfill or any other solid waste landfill.

#### Where Can I Recycle Alkaline Batteries?



- IKEA, 2149 Fenton Parkway, San Diego, 92108, (619) 563-4532
- Recycle San Diego, 7716 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego, 92111, (866) 525-6655 (fee applies, call first)
- City of San Diego Household Hazardous Waste Transfer Facility (HHWTF), located at the Miramar Landfill entrance on Convoy Street, just north of State Highway 52. Please call 858-694-7000 to make the required drop-off appointment.

#### Where Can I Recycle Rechargeable Batteries?

Rechargeable batteries such as nickel cadmium (NiCd), lithium ion (Li-ion) and small sealed lead (Pb, weighing less than 2 pounds) are used in a wide variety of products including cell phones, cordless phones, cameras, electronic devices, razors, remote controls, and cordless power tools.

California law (AB1125) requires most retailers that sell rechargeable batteries to accept and recycle these consumer batteries. Check with your local retailers or visit the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation website at www.rbrc.org to find a location.

#### Where Can I Recycle Vehicle Batteries?

Automotive, golf cart, marine, and other vehicle batteries are not universal waste, however, they are banned from landfill disposal. Used vehicle batteries are regulated under different regulations. Most retailers that sell vehicle batteries will accept the used battery for recycling at no charge. Generally, the price of the new battery is reduced when a used battery is turned in. Ask the retailer before you purchase a new battery or look in the yellow pages under "Batteries-Storage-Retail." The City accepts vehicle batteries at Auto Product Recycling Events or at the HHWTF.





#### **Battery Storage**

Store used batteries sorted by type (alkaline, lithium, nickel cadmium, ect.) in a safe, dry place and out of the reach of children. Use zip lock bags or a plastic container with a lid. For an extra measure of safety, place masking tape or nonconductive tape over the battery terminals (battery ends). If a battery is damaged or leaking, immediately place the leaking battery into a plastic or zip lock bag and isolate from other batteries. Wear nitrile gloves when handling damaged batteries and wash your hands.

#### **Household Hazardous Waste Transfer Facility**

The HHWTF accepts all types of consumer batteries, rechargeable batteries and vehicle batteries. The HHWTF is open Saturdays by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment contact Environmental Services Department at (858) 694-7000.

Avoid a time consuming trip to the HHWTF just to recycle batteries. Store used batteries for up to one year or 5 pounds allowing time to accumulate all household hazardous waste to be dropped off at the same time, or implement a collection program with your neighbors.

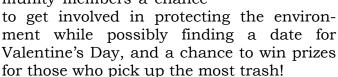


## Do Something Good for the Community and.... Find a Date for Valentines Day?

In the spirit of Valentine's Day, *I Love a Clean San Diego (ILACSD)* will be partnering with *Envirockers*, a local environmental

group, to take a new twist on February's clean up event. That's right—this month's event is the Singles Mingle Cleanup!

Of course, you don't have to be single to attend, but the ILACSD group thought it would be fun to give equally eco-minded community members a chance



The event will be held on Saturday, February 11 from 10:00 am to noon, and the mingling will follow!

The location has yet to be determined, so for more information about this and other 2008 events, visit the ILACSD website at www.ilacsd.org.

## Doug Beckham Day

On January 29, 2008, Councilmember Frye recognized long-time Linda Vista resident and community volunteer, Doug Beckham, by proclaiming it to be "Doug Beckham Day" in the City of San Diego.

Doug has served on various community organizations, including the Linda Vista Community Planning Committee, the Kearny High School Alumni Association, the Linda Vista Parade of Flags, the Linda Vista Landscape and Maintenance Committee, and the Linda Vista Graffiti Removal Team.

He has also served as President of the Linda Vista Recreation Council and the Kearny Mesa Kiwanis, Chair of the Linda Vista Code Compliance Committee, and was Co-founder of the Linda Vista Neighborhood Watch.

While serving on these organizations, Doug has contributed to many projects and programs, and has helped connect local organizations to resources and information that help further their objectives and better the community. Thanks Doug!



## Recycle Used Auto Products

Home mechanics can bring used auto products, including used motor oil, antifreeze, oil filters and auto batteries, for disposal and recycling to the City's Auto Product Recycling Event on Saturday, February 23, 2008 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the South Parking Lot at Southwest High School, located at 1685 Hollister Street, San Diego, CA 92154.

The service is free to City residents and proof of residency is required. The maximum transportation limit is 10 gallons and commercial waste is not permitted.

The Auto Product Recycling Events are sponsored by the City of San Diego and the California Integrated Waste Management Board. For more information, please call (858) 694-7000.



## LIBRARY NEWS

#### <u>Upcoming Events at the</u> North Clairemont Library

The North Clairemont Branch Library has many events in February that are open to all ages. The Library is located at 4616 Clairemont Drive. For more details about these events, please call (858) 581-9931.

#### One Book, One San Diego

Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace. . . One School at a Time Wednesday, February 13, at 6:30 pm

Join local resident, Donald Gregg, M.D., as he presents his experiences with Greg Mortenson whose inspiring true story of his failed attempt to climb Pakistan's K2 (the world's second highest mountain) launched him on a unexpected journey to build schools in some of Afghanistan and Pakistan's most remote regions. Dr. Gregg will share how one man is fighting terrorism – one school at a time.

## Friends of North Clairemont Library Book Sale:

Saturday, February 9, 2008 9:30 am - 2:00 pm

#### Valentines Day Cookie Decorating Craft

Wednesday, February 13, 2008 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm Suitable for children 4 and older. Free, registration required.

#### Spanish - English Preschool Storytime and Craft

Every Tuesday at 10:30 am

#### Preschool Storytime, Music and Song:

Thursdays at 10:30 am

#### **Chinese New Year Program**

Thursday Feb 7, 2008 at 10:30 am Open to grade school students – registration required.

#### **Women and Heart Disease**

Wed Feb 27, 2008 at 6:30 pm Free Lecture: www.WomenHeart.org

## Did You Know?

The Central Library and its numerous branches are increasing convenience for patrons by offering many of the services electronically or via telephone. Take advantage of any of these services and find more time to read that book!

Visit www.sandiego.gov/public-library to do all of the following:

#### **Renewal of Library Materials**

As always, patrons may renew their materials in person at any library location. But did you know that you can also renew

materials online via the Library Catalog using your account? See the Library's "Renewals, Reserves and Patron Library Accounts" webpage for more details.

A Telephone Renewal Service is also available. Patrons who wish to renew their library materials by phone may call the Central Library, at (619) 236-5800 or

(858) 484-4440 (toll free from the North County), press 1 (for touchtone phones), and press 3 to renew Library materials.

#### Reserve and Telephone Requests

Circulating library materials—including video materials—may be reserved through the library's web catalog. Click in the "Click Here to Reserve this Title" link at the bottom of the Item Holdings table to place an online reservation. All reserved items will be held for eight days after the reserve notice is sent. A \$1.00 restocking fee will be charged for online reserves not picked up. Fees are subject to change without notice.

You may also call the library that has an available copy of the desired title, and request that the title be sent to you free of charge.

#### **Library Card Application**

Using the library's website, you can download a library card application in English and Spanish, and have it filled out before you go!

# LIBRARY CARD

#### But Wait, There's More!

Using this page on the library's website: www.sandiego.gov/public-library/searching-the-net will link you to search help, reference assistance (including live web chat help), ready reference tools, general web searches and tips, and advanced search help!





## Important Phone Numbers

Abandoned Vehicles	858-495-7856
Animal Regulation	619-236-4250
Beach & Bay Advisory	619-338-2073
Birth and Death Records	619-237-0502
Brush Abatement	619-533-4444
Building Permits	619-446-5000
Buses/MTS Access	619-233-3004
Canyon Watchers Program	858-292-6484
City Council Docket Info	619-533-4000
City Directory	619-236-5555
Community Service Center	858-581-4111
Code Violations	619-236-5500
Curb Maintenance	619-527-7500
Dead Animal Removal	858 694-7000
Dog Licenses	619-767-2675
Fire Stations	619-533-4300
Graffiti	619-525-8522
Hazardous Materials Hotline	858-694-7000
Housing Commission	619-231-9400
Humane Society	619-299-7012
Libraries	
Balboa	858-573-1390
Clairemont	858-581-9935
Linda Vista	858-573-1399
North Clairemont	858-581-9931
Serra Mesa	858-573-1396
Noise Regulation	619-236-5500
Office of Small Business	619-685-1390
Park and Recreation	619-525-8219
Parking Citations	619-236-7145
Police: Non-Emergency	619-531-2000
Pot Hole Hotline	619-527-7500
Recreation Centers	013-321-1300
	858-573-1387
Kearny Mesa	
Linda Vista	858-573-1392
North Clairemont	858-581-9926
Serra Mesa	858-573-1408
South Clairemont	858-581-9924
Tecolote	858-581-9930
Recycling Hotline	858-694-7000
Senior Citizens Services	619-236-6905
Serra Mesa Community Connection	
Sewer Repair/Spills	619-515-3525
Sidewalk Maintenance	
	619-527-7500
Stormwater Pollution Hotline	619-235-1000
Street Lights	619-527-7500
Street Sweeping	619-527-7500
Traffic Control	619-533-3126
Tree Maintenance	619-527-7500
Waste Reduction & Disposal	858-492-5010
Water Emergency	619-515-3525
Water Utilities	619-515-3500
	619-236-5555
Zoning Regulation Info	018-230-3333

### **District Six Community Meetings**

#### **Balboa Avenue Citizens Advisory Committee**

Place: Clairemont Community Service Center

4731 Clairemont Drive

When: 4th Wednesday/Month

Time: 7:00 p.m.

#### **Clairemont Town Council**

Place: Clairemont High School Cafeteria

4150 Ute Drive

When: 1st Thursday/Month

Time: 7:00 p.m.

#### **Clairemont Mesa Planning Committee**

Place: Clairemont Senior Friendship Center

4425 Bannock Ave. When: 3rd Tuesday/Month

Time: 6:30 p.m.

#### **Kearny Mesa Planning Group**

Place: Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library

9005 Aero Drive

When: 3rd Wednesday/Month

Time: 12:00 p.m.

#### **Linda Vista Civic Association**

Place: Baha'i Center 6545 Alcala Knolls Drive When: 3rd Thursday/Month

Time: 6:30 p.m.

#### **Linda Vista Community Planning Group**

Place: Linda Vista Library

2160 Ulric Street

When: 4th Monday/Month

Time: 6:00 p.m.

#### **Mission Bay Park Committee**

Place: Rotating Venue When: 1st Tuesday/Month

Time: 6:00 p.m.

#### **Mission Valley Community Council**

Place: Mission Valley Library

2123 Fenton Parkway

When: 3rd Wednesday/Odd Months

Time: 6:30 p.m.

#### **Mission Valley Unified Planning Committee**

Place: Mission Valley Library

2123 Fenton Parkway

When: 1st Wednesday/Month

Time: 12:00 p.m.

#### **Serra Mesa Community Council**

Place: Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library

9005 Aero Drive

When: 4th Wednesday/Month

Time: 7:00 p.m.

#### Serra Mesa Planning Group

Place: Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library

9005 Aero Drive

When: 3rd Thursday/Month

Time: 7:00 p.m.



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#### FRYE LIGHTS: CELEBRATING THE DISTRICT SIX SPIRIT



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